

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A connector, comprising:
  - a first connector housing, provided with a flexible lock arm;
  - a tubular fitting detector, fitted to an outer periphery of the first connector housing while being slidable thereon between a first position and a second position;
  - a retainer, provided on the fitting detector, and adapted to be engaged with a first portion of the lock arm in a case where the fitting detector is placed at the first position, and engaged with a second portion of the lock arm in a case where the fitting detector is placed at the second position;
  - a second connector housing, provided with a projection adapted to release the engagement between the retainer and the first portion of the lock arm in a case where the second connector housing is completely fitted with the first connector housing, so that the fitting detector is allowed to slide from the first position to the second position;

and

a finger pad, provided on the fitting detector, and arranged such that an operator's finger is placeable thereon while being separated from at least the lock arm, during a fitting operation between the first connector housing and the second connector housing[.] ;

wherein the fitting detector comprises a pair of side walls and a bridge member connecting the side walls while preventing the operator's finger from being brought into contact with the first connector housing; and

wherein the finger pads and the bridge member are formed on the same end of the fitting detector relative to the first connector housing.

2. (Original) The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein an upper face of the finger pad on which the operator's finger is placed is situated upper than an upper face of the lock arm.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The connector as set forth in claim [[3]] 1, wherein the bridge member comprises a guide projection which is usually brought into contact with the first connector housing.
5. (Original) The connector as set forth in claim 4, wherein the guide projection is extended from the bridge member in a sliding direction of the fitting detector.